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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application.